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SUBJECT: UNDP - 18TH GOVERNING COUNCIL - UNFPA SUMMARY OF
STATEMENT BY U.S. DELEGATION

1. U.S. STATEMENT CONGRATULATED SALAS FOR HIS COGENT,
ILLUMINATING INTRODUCTION OF THE ITEM AND COMMENTING ON IT AND
THE ITEM SAID:

(A) PLEASED BE INFORMED UNFPA PLANS HOLD FIRST PLEDGING
CONFERENCE IN AUTUMN 1975, SOMETHING MY DELEGATION HAS
ADVOCATED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS.

(B) MY GOVERNMENT STRONGLY SUPPORTED APPROVAL OF THE ENTIRE
ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET AND PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH B&F
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FINANCE VITALLY IMPORTANT WORK OF
THE PUBLIC INFORMATION UNIT, RETAIN FIELD COORDINATORS UNDER
PROGRAM FUNDING FOR AT LEAST IMMEDIATE FUTURE AND DEFER FINAL
DECISION ON MOVING TO A TWO-YEAR BIENNIAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND PRO-
GRAM SUPPORT BUDGET UNTIL AT LEAST SUCH TIME AS THE RESULTS OF THE
WPC AND THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DEVELOP-
MENTAL MATTERS BECOME KNOWN.

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(C) PLEASED AND ENCOURAGED WITH REPORT THE CLOSE COORDINATION

BETWEEN THE UNFPA COORDINATORS AND RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES AND INCREASING HARMONIZATION UNFPA PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS WITH THOSE OF UNDP AND OTHER UN AGENCIES.

(D) WELCOMED LARGE AMOUNT CONSULTATION CARRIED ON BY UNFPA WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN BOTH THE GOVERNMENTAL AND NGO SPHERES AND ESPECIALLY HAPPY NOTE THE RECENT MEETINGS OF EXPERTS UNFPA HOSTED ON EVALUATION AND ON VARIOUS FAMILY PLANNING SCHEMES BO
D USED IN INTEGRATED HEALTH PROGRAMS.
U.S. DELEGATION HOPEFUL UNFPA WILL NOW FOLLOW UP ON ITS GOOD, IF TARDY, BEGINNING IN THE IMPORTANT EVALUATION EFFORT.

(E) RE NEW APPROVAL AUTHORITY TOTALLING DOLS 80 MILLION FOR THE PERIOD 1975-1977, MY GOVERNMENT CAN GO ALONG REQUEST BASED PROGRAMS AND PLANS UNDERLYING THESE FIGURES DESCRIBED WORK PLAN AND FUND-RAISING CAPABILITIES UNFPA DEMONSTRATED TO DATE. BELIEVE APPROVAL AUTHORITY REQUESTED REALISTIC AND HAPPY NOTE BY 1977 UNFPA PLANS ALLOCATE AT LEAST 70 PERCENT PROJECT BUDGET TO COUNTRY PROJECTS. WOULD LIKE CONGRATULATE UNFPA ON WORK PLAN. BELIEVE IT CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT OVER LAST YEAR'S DOCUMENT.

(F) U.S. DELEGATION CAN GO ALONG WITH AUTHORIZATION OF ALL TEN PROJECTS BEFORE GC FOR APPROVAL WITH FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(1) STRONGLY ADVOCATE AND SECOND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUGGESTION THAT, IN THE CASE OF ALL FIVE-YEAR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS, THE COUNCIL AUTHORIZE UNFPA ACTUALLY ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR FIRST TWO YEARS OF THE AGREEMENTS. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THEN REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL IN THE STATUS AND SECOND PHASE PLANS OF THE PROGRAMS, AND REQUEST AUTHORITY APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE NEXT PERIOD WITH LEVEL OF FUNDS TO BE RELATED TO RATE OF IMPLEMENTATION; A PROGRAM ASSESSMENT; THE COUNTRY'S REVISED PLANS AND OTHER RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS. BELIEVE SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD BE HELPFUL TO RECIPIENTS, TO DONORS AND TO UNFPA MANAGEMENT.

(2) UNFPA'S DOCUMENTATION IMPROVED, STILL HAS A WAY TO GO.
U.S. DELEGATION FOUND NUMBER OF MAJOR PROJECT PROPOSALS ON SKIMPY SIDE, AND CONVINCED UNFPA CAN, SHOULD, AND WOULD BENEFIT
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FROM DOING A STILL BETTER JOB.

(3) LOOK FORWARD TO UNFPA DOING A STILL BETTER JOB RE ECOSOC'S INSTRUCTIONS TO PROMOTE COOPERATION AND COORDINATION AMONG ALL CONCERNED IN THE POPULATION FIELD. BELIEVE THIS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THOSE VCOUNTRIES IN WHICH UNFPA HAS LARGE SCALE PROGRAMS OR PROPOSALS FOR LARGE SCALE PROGRAMS. THUS URGE FUND REDOUBLE EFFORTS TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE COOR-

DINATION OF ITS MAJOR PROGRAMS WITH THE POPULATION ENDEAVORS OF THE WORLD BANK, BILATERAL DONORS, PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS, FOUNDATIONS, WHO AND MOST IMPORTANTLY WITH THE LOCALLY FUNDED ENDEAVORS OF THE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES. NO MORE IMPORTANT TASK WITH WHICH UNFPA CHARGED BY UN.

URGE SALAS GIVE COUNCIL A VERBAL REPORT ON COORDINATION AT 19TH SESSION GC--WRITTEN REPORT AT THE 20TH SESSION, PERHAPS INCORPORATING IN ANNUAL REPORT.

RE ROLLING PLAN: U. S. DEL PLEASED DIRECTOR TO DATE FOUND PROCEDURES SET UP BY THE COUNCIL IN JUNE 1973 SATISFACTORY. BELIEVE ROLLING PLAN SHOULD BE CONTINUED. HOWEVER, ALSO BELIEVE ROLLING PLAN, VARIOUS APPROVAL AUTHORITY MECHANISMS, AND RELATED MATTERS SHOULD BE REVIEWED BY CNCC

JW THE 20TH

OF 21ST SESSION IN LIGHT TWO FULL YEARS OF EXPERIENCE.

SUGGEST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PREPARE REPORT FOR EITHER THE 20TH OR 21ST SESSION OF GC THAT SETS FORTH THE FUND'S TWO YEARS' EXPERIENCE WITH THE ROLLING PLAN; ITS RELATED PROGRAMMING PROCEDURES; IMPLEMENTATION CONSTRAINTS, ETC., WITH HIS RECOMMENDATIONS RE HOW ROLLING PLAN MECHANISM PERHAPS BE MODIFIED MAKE IT MORE EFFICIENT PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING TOOL. THERE ARE OTHER POINTS, WOULD PASS ALONG TO MTNRUTIVE DIRECTOR IN WRITING, AS INTERVENTION BECOMING TOO LONG. SULLIVAN

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